

BOTANY WORSTED MILLS, WOOL AND WASTE STORAGE  
176 Parker Avenue  
Passaic  
Passaic County  
New Jersey

HABS No. NJ-982-C

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Location: 176 Parker Avenue, Passaic, Passaic County, New Jersey

USGS Weehawken, New Jersey Quadrangle  
Universal Transverse Mercator Coordinates:  
18.574000.4524700

Significance: Originally part of the Botany Worsted Mills, the building was constructed to house a wool and waste storage area. The Botany complex was founded in 1889 as the first integrated woolen processing plant in the United States.

Description: Situated behind NJ-982-B, the building is a one story shed approximately nine bays long, with a shallow gable roof clad in asphalt shingle. Frame walls have been replaced by concrete block walls on all sides. No window openings are visible. The interior is comprised of a single long room with exposed ceiling joists and narrow-board wooden floor. Adjacent to the main building is a small two-story annex housing a storage loft accessible by a single flight of wooden stairs. Overall dimensions of the main building are 40' x 180'; the loft annex measures 20' x 27.5'.

History: The buildings at 176 Parker Avenue were originally part of Botany Worsted Mills, founded in 1889 as the first integrated woolen processing plant in the United States. Representing a later period in the development of the mill, the wool and waste storage building was built between 1910 and 1918. Botany Mills ceased production in 1955, after which the building was leased to a number of industrial tenants.

Historically, the building was called a wool and waste storage facility, and was apparently used solely for that purpose during ownership

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by Botany Mills. Since specific documentary sources for the building do not seem to exist, it is not known whether the building was used for the storage of raw wool or finished woolen cloth. No material evidence survives to explain the historic function of the building.

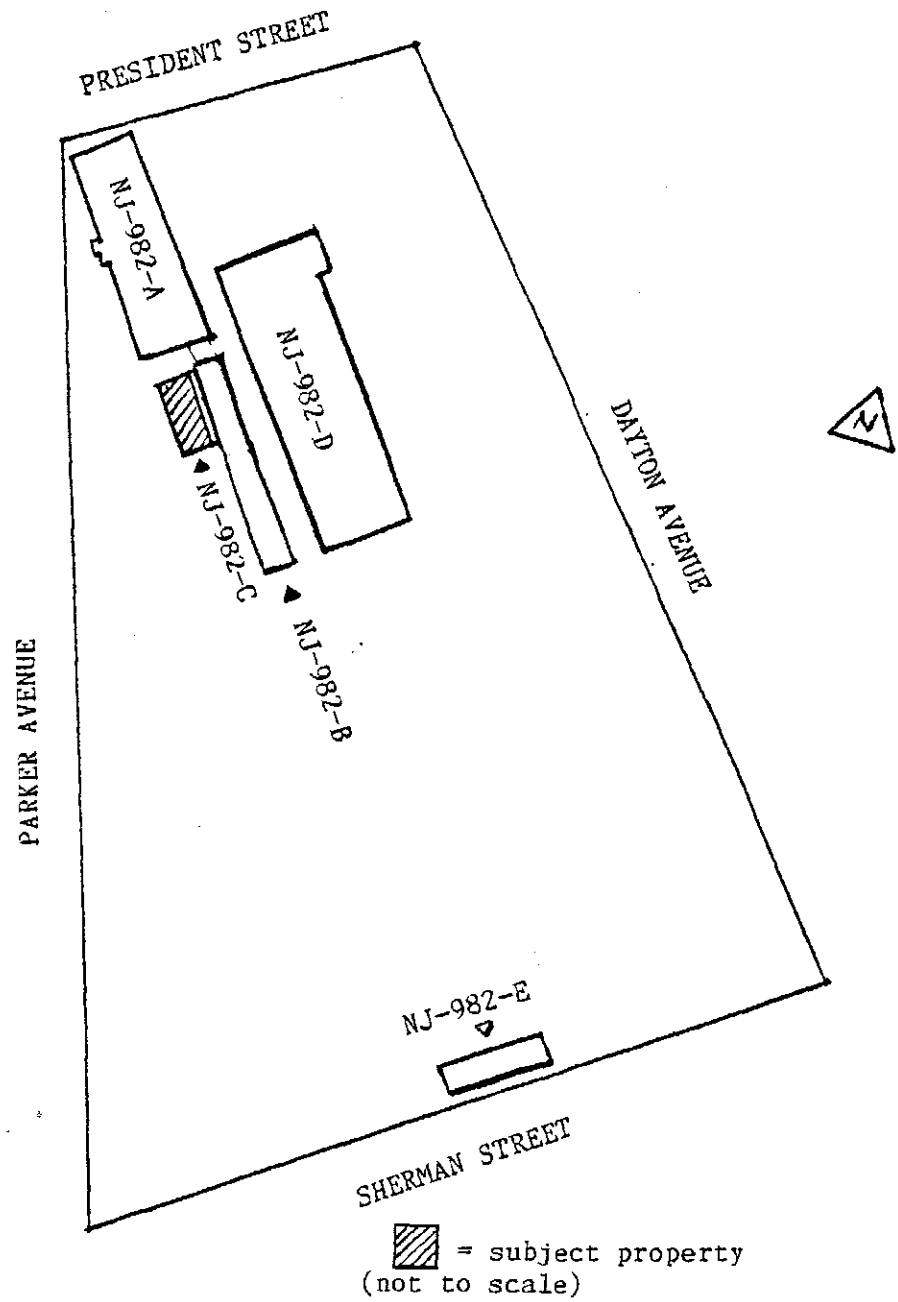
Sources:

Sanborn Insurance Maps, City of Passaic,  
1910 and 1918

Historian:

Sally Milner, ACROTERION, 71 Maple Avenue,  
Morristown, NJ, December 1989

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